

January 29 & February 1, 2026



Matthew: Portraits of the King - Week 8  
*Teachings of the King*  
**"Portrait of Kingdom Relationships"**

**Matthew 7:1-2 (NIV)**

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. <sup>2</sup> For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

**1. Kingdom relationships look "UP" not "DOWN."**

- Kingdom relationships never replace compassion with condemnation.

**Matthew 7:3-4 (NIV)**

"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?"

**2. Kingdom relationships look "IN" before they look "OUT."**

- Kingdom relationships understand the difference between biblical correction and hypocritical condemnation.

### **Romans 2:1 (NIV)**

You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things.

### **Matthew 7:5 (NIV)**

You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

## **3. Kingdom relationships look more “GENTLE” than “RECKLESS.”**

- If you don't have love for a person, you don't need to bring correction to that person.

### **Questions before correction:**

- Is this correction motivated by love or control?
- Does this correction seek restoration or humiliation?
- Am I offering this correction gently or aggressively?

- Kingdom relationships don't avoid correction.

### **Galatians 6:1 (NIV)**

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.

- You judge someone not when you assess their position, but when you dismiss them as a person.

### **Matthew 7:6 (NIV)**

“Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

#### **4. Kingdom relationships look for “CONVERSION” before “CORRECTION.”**

##### **1 Corinthians 5:12 (NIV)**

What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside?

- For unbelievers the problem is not the speck but the need for a Savior.
- The goal is conversion to Christ before persuasion to your point of view.

##### **Matthew 7:7-11 (NIV)**

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

<sup>9</sup> “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? <sup>11</sup> If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

#### **5. Kingdom relationships look to “PRAYER” over “PERFORMANCE.”**

- Healing broken relationships is a prayer God is longing to answer.
- Kingdom relationships make prayer their first defense instead of last resort.

##### **Matthew 7:12 (NIV)**

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

#### **6. Kingdom relationships choose “GOSPEL REENACTMENT” over “RELATIONAL REACTION.”**